By Ben Atwell +. Dallas Selegation

H.S.R. 554

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Monday, June 2, is the birthday of one of the real diplomats of the House, Chris Semos of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, this native Texan is the first American of Greek descent to have been elected to the Texas Legislature and is therefore an authentic son of a Zeus; and

WHEREAS, this nimble-footed Hermes serves as Texas' own emissary to the Greek government and Royal family and is a frequent visitor to the homeland of his parents; and

WHEREAS, this Hellenic Texan has shown he was ahead of his time while National Chairman of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America by appearing in a national publication in a state of undress, thus preceding the current popularity of nudie magazines; and

WHEREAS, Chris has earned a reputation as an outstanding international chef since he attended the Ecole Hotelier in Lausanne, Switzerland, as evidenced by the obvious enjoyment of his tasty food by both his friends and himself; and

WHEREAS, as in the proud tradition of the Olympians of pld, this modern-day Zorba is pleased to be still carrying "The Torch;" and

WHEREAS, this fugitive from Homer should be recognized as curator of the Hellenic Culture Institute and Museum of Dallas as he has one of the nation's finest collections of Pre-Christ Hellenic artifacts which are on public display at his restaurant

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in Dallas and many of which he generously loaned to the Institute of Texan Cultures during the recent HemisFair; and

whereas, his knowledge of Texas Government and Greece are profound and his austute answers to questions on either subject are usually answered with his classic retort "it's all Greek to me; and

WHEREAS, like other notable contemporary Greeks, he woold and won a well-known beauty for his bride, the lovely "Tasie", and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 61st Legislature, That he be congratulated on his birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Chris Semos with the best wishes of the House, and that this day be affectionately designated in his honor as the "Day of the Greeks."

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Add names of all members

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Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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Honoring Representative Chris Semos

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